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Linda Wagner-Justice named CDE for D-10

On April 6, Governor Ernie Fletcher and acting Transportation Cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert announced the appointment of Linda Wagner-Justice as chief district engineer for the Department of Highways District 10.

Secretary Nighbert and Highway Commissioner Marc Williams were in Jackson that day to make the announcement of Wagner-Justice's appointment.

"Linda has been acting in this position for several months, and she has certainly proved herself worthy of this appointment," Secretary Nighbert said. "Her experience and background, coupled with her familiarity with the area, all combine to make her an excellent choice for this position. We congratulate her and wish her well, and we have every confidence in her ability."

Wagner-Justice is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering as the recipient of a Transportation Cabinet scholarship. She began her career with Transportation in June 1986 with the District 12 office in Pikeville, and worked in bridge maintenance, as a resident engineer and as manager of the Traffic Branch in that office.

In March 1998, Wagner-Justice was appointed chief district engineer for District 12, becoming the first female chief district engineer in Kentucky history. In September 2002, she was appointed deputy executive director for construction and operations in the State Highway Engineer's Office in Frankfort.

Wagner-Justice returned to eastern Kentucky in May 2004 as acting chief district engineer for District 10. She served as assistant chief district engineer for District 10 when Sam Beverage was appointed chief district engineer for Districts 10 and 11. When Beverage was promoted to state highway engineer in December 2004, Wagner-Justice took over the chief district engineer's position in District 10 on an acting basis.

A native of Holden, W.Va. and a graduate of Johnson Central High School in Paintsville, Wagner-Justice lives in Betsy Layne with her husband Charles, and their daughter Elon, 10.

District 10 of the Department of Highways consists of Breathitt, Estill, Lee, Magoffin, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell and Wolfe Counties. The district headquarters is in Jackson, and it has facilities in each of the 10 counties included within the district.



Linda Wagner-Justice, District 10's new chief district engineer, listend as Highway Commissioner Marc Williams, left, and acting KYTC Secretary Bill Nighbert made the official announcement of her appointment at the District 10 office on April 6. **More photos, page 2.**



Linda Wagner-Justice wrote her name in as chief district engineer atop a printout of the new organizational chart that will be in effect once the district's reorganization is official.



Linda Wagner-Justice, District 10's new chief district engineer, talked with Crystal Mapel, Jackson resident engineer, after the ceremony.



Jim Maggard spoke with Secretary Bill Nighbert.

Press conference stresses highway safety



Tim Henderlight conducted a press conference on work zone safety efforts on Friday, April 29.

It might seem a bit strange to set up a desk and a computer in the middle of a construction zone and call it your workstation. But in essence, that's what hundreds of employees of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and its many contractors do every day when they report to work, as they strive to improve the Commonwealth's network of highways.

Just as a boardroom is to an executive, a classroom is to a teacher or a sales counter is to a retail clerk, a construction zone is the workplace for construction and maintenance crews. The main difference is that teachers, executives, sales clerks and those in other professions don't have to deal with the dangers posed by high-speed traffic whizzing by as they do their jobs. Highway workers face these hazards every day.

Tim Henderlight, executive director of the Transportation Cabinet's Office of Rural and Secondary Roads, made that point in a very visual way on April 29 as he set up a desk in the middle of a road construction project in Breathitt County. Henderlight discussed the importance of highway work zone safety in a press conference attended by area media representatives, elected officials, and highway work-

ers from local and state governments and contractors.

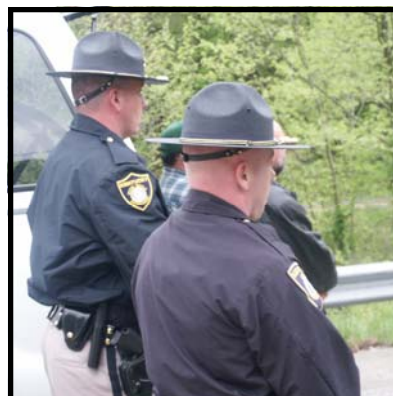
"How would you like it if someone drove through your office?" Henderlight said. "Keep in mind – the people who build our highways work where you drive."

Henderlight listed steps the Transportation Cabinet takes to ensure the safety of construction workers, and also gave a list of tips motorists can use to safely navigate work zones without being involved in an accident.

Representatives from the Drive Smart program and Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement were also on hand to reinforce the safe-driving message.



David Patrick from WKYT-TV covered the press conference, and Sara George, public information officer for District 12, took photos as well.



Representatives from Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement attended the press conference, and took members of the press on patrol as they checked for speeders in the KY 15 project work zone.

At Slade rest area...

District 10 takes part in first-ever statewide vehicle fleet inventory



As part of Governor Ernie Fletcher's initiative to identify the most cost effective and efficient manner for managing the state's fleet of vehicles, Transportation Cabinet representatives conducted the first-ever inventory and inspection all state-owned passenger vehicles across the Commonwealth, including those based within the 10 counties of District 10.

The inspections were held at the Junior Williamson Memorial Rest Area at Slade in Powell County the week of May 16-20.

Governor Fletcher ordered the inventory and inspection in an attempt to cut costs and improve efficiency in managing the state's vehicle fleet, as part of his administration's ongoing efforts to end waste, fraud and abuse in state government. The decision

was prompted in part by recent revelations that some state agencies were continuing to maintain insurance policies for non-operational vehicles. Once the process is completed, responsibility for all state passenger vehicles except university and Kentucky State Police vehicles, which are exempt by statute, will be centralized under the Transportation Cabinet's Division of Fleet Management.

"Past administrations have struggled with accountability of the state's motor pool, and it is finally time to perform a full visual and physical inspection," Acting Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert said. "With costs rising for fuel and vehicle management, plus the increasing cost of doing business, fleet centralization is the right thing to do."

All agencies within District 10 that have non-exempt state vehicles assigned to their personnel or offices were asked to bring those vehicles to the Slade rest area the week of the inspection to be counted and inspected/

Secretary Nighbert stated, "For state vehicles that did not find their way to our inventory check points, we have a plan to motivate participation. Beginning Monday, May 23, we deactivated the gas credit cards assigned to vehicles that have not been counted. State employees will have to pay for their own gas until we track down the vehicles."

Inventories and inspections were done in Frankfort and in each of the 12 highway districts across Kentucky. The counties in District 10 are Breathitt, Estill, Lee, Magoffin, Menifee, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell and Wolfe.



Gary Angel, supervisor of the Beattyville equipment garage, placed a "Kentucky Unbridled Spirit" on a Natural Resources truck during the inventory and inspection.

Seat belt usage reminder signs installed at BHS

The Department of Highways erected a sign on the grounds of Breathitt County High School on March 11, reminding drivers to buckle up.

As part of the Transportation Cabinet's Drive Smart program and in conjunction with the Corridor Safety program in District 10, the reminder sign was placed at the exit to the BHS campus in Jackson. The goal is to encourage students, parents and school employees to use their seat belts.

Local officials and school personnel were invited to help unveil the sign. A short unveiling ceremony was held at 1:45 p.m., with attendees braving cold weather with rain and snow flurries falling. The event had been postponed twice before because of inclement weather.

Working with District 10's Drive Smart program, the Kentucky River Area Development District surveyed student seat belt usage at BHS. The results showed a seat belt usage rate of 26 percent. A followup survey will be done in three months to determine if this program helps increase the number of stu-



Ron Easter, Drive Smart coordinator for District 10, explained the advantages of seat belt usage to a group of Breathitt County High students on March 11.

dents who "Drive Smart" and comply with state law by buckling up.

The Corridor Safety program has identified highways in each of Kentucky's 12 highway districts that have high rates of injury or fatality accidents. The designated corridor route for District 10 is KY 15, which is the main north-south route in Breathitt County. This route was also the location for a "safety blitz" last fall, with portable radar trailers and variable message signs used to emphasize obeying the speed limit and other safe driving practices. The signs, done in school colors for each school, were funded by the Division of Driver Safety and installed by District 10's sign crew. Similar signs were erected at Hazard, Perry County Central and Buckhorn high schools in Perry County in December.



Billie Johnson from Drive Smart in Frankfort; Ron Easter, D-10 Drive Smart coordinator; and Annette Napier with Kentucky River Area Development District after the Breathitt High sign was unveiled.

Calendar of Events

- **Tuesday, June 14 — Flag Day**
- **Sunday, June 19 — Father's Day**
- **Tuesday, June 21 — First Day of Summer**
- **Monday, July 4 — Independence Day (state offices closed)**



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Sherry Wright, left, and Connie Price displayed a plaque received by District 10 from the Central Kentucky Blood Center for outstanding participation in the CKBC's blood drives.

Personal Items

Congratulations to Chuck Allen and Misty Mabry, who were married on May 21 in Gatlinburg, Tenn.!

